soners in Delhi in order to segregate them from hardened convicts; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM). (a) and (b) According to the Delhi Administration, at present there are 3 jails in the Central Jail, Tihar. Jail Nos. 1 and 3 house predominently undertrials whereas convicts are lodged in Jail No. 2. segregating undertrials from convicts.

Overstay by Pak Nationals in India

3335. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee was constituted in his Ministry to make an indepth study of the problem of Pakistani nationals overstaying in India;

(b) whether this Committee was wound-up widway before completing its task; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what further action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM· (a) A task force was constituted for the purpose

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise

Intrusion into India by Iranians

3336. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI· Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) what is the number of Iranians who have so far been apprehended for illegally crossing into India from Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government have taken/propose to take to check such illegal intrusion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Border Security Force who are guarding the Indo-Pakistan border had apprehended 2879 illegal entrants during the period from Jan. 87 to Sept. 87 out of which 2174 were pushed back. All the remaining 705 illegal entrants including 27 persons supected to be Iranians were handed over to the State Police authorities concerned for taking necessary action under the law. The BSF apprehends persons who try to cross the border illegally. Out of those apprehended, persons who are suspected to be indulging in smuggling, cattle lifting, spying etc, are handed over to State Police authorities concerned and the remaining are pushed back It is for the State Governments concerned to whom the BSF hands over the persons apprehended, to investigate, establish the identity and nationality of the infiltrators, prosecute and take necessary action under the law and finally to deport them after their sentences of imprisonment are over.

(b) The BSF on the border are fully on vigil. Additional strength of BSF has been deployed on the borders More border out-posts and observation post towers have been established. Intensive border patrolling is being done with the help of jeeps/motorcycles. Special aids like portable search lights have been provided to border out-posts for scanning of the area during night. The BSF is also being expanded under a 5-year programme